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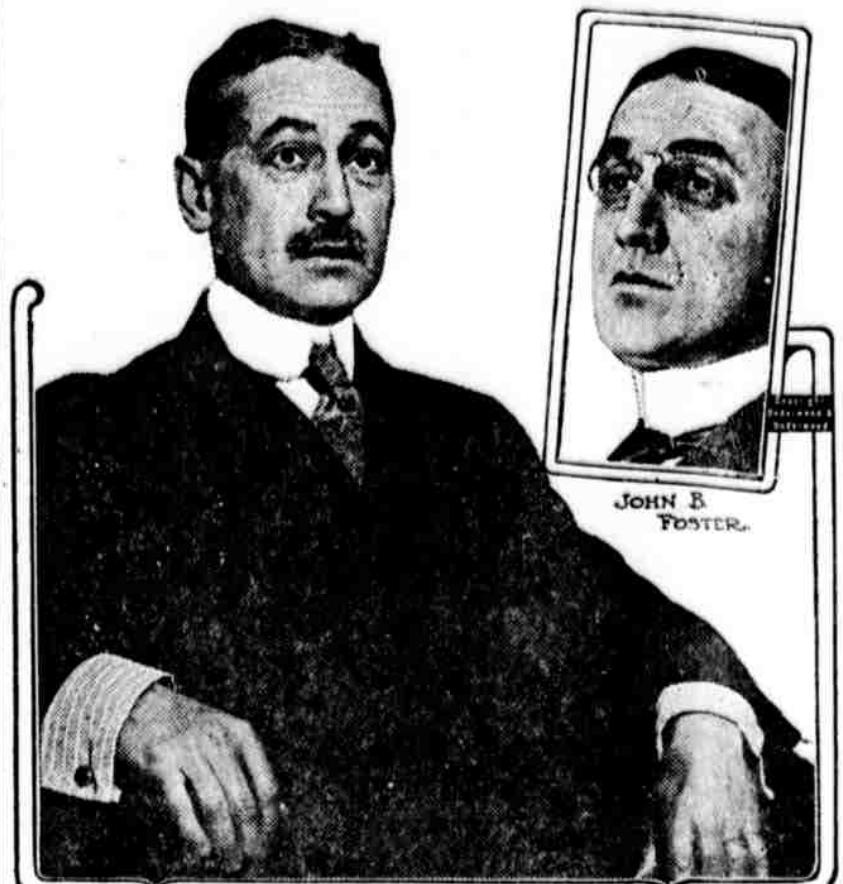
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BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

JOSEPH O'BRIEN ASSUMES DUTIES AS
OFFICIAL OF NEW YORK BASEBALL CLUB

JOSEPH D. O'BRIEN

Joseph D. O'Brien, the new secretary of the New York Giants, has taken charge of the Fifth Avenue building offices.

O'Brien is a familiar figure to New York fandom and a capable executive. Indeed, he was club secretary with the late John T. Brush and preceded Foster in office. O'Brien is a baseball man of varied experience, whose career has been brilliant in the extreme. As president of the American association he placed the Class AA circuit in the first rank of minor league baseball.

John B. Foster, the retiring secretary, has been a popular official. New York football fans owe him a debt of gratitude. It was his untiring efforts that brought annual army-navy and other major gridiron battles to the Polo grounds.

WASHINGTON CLUB IS
BOUGHT BY GRIFFITHTogether With Philadelphia He
Is Now in Control.

Manager of Nationals Will Be in Absolute Power and Is Expected to Make Many Changes in the Personnel of Team.

Clark Griffith has purchased the controlling interest in the Washington baseball club. The veteran manager, who has piloted the Nationals since 1912, associated with William M. Richardson, a Philadelphia grain merchant, obtained approximately four-fifths of the 20,000 shares of the corporation for \$400,000. Griffith, in the reorganization, will become president and remain as manager for the time being at least.

The syndicate which made the purchase is expected to make big changes in the personnel of the team, and every effort will be made to strengthen the club's nine next season. The new purchasers, it is said, intend to cut loose from the policy of economy that has generally been followed and use every means possible to produce a winning combination. In short, it is felt that the city of Washington will be put to the test in 1920.

Griffith, who is now in the class of John McGraw and Connie Mack as a manager owning considerable stock, has been in baseball since 1887. He broke in that year in Bloomington, Ill. In 1891 he got in the majors with the



Clark Griffith.

old St. Louis Browns, then managed by Charley Conzky, who was playing first base.

Griffith, one of the greatest pitchers the game ever had, was on the coast in 1892 and the following season went to the old Chicago White Stockings. He was one of the stars of that famous outfit until 1901 when he managed Conzky's club in the American league and won his only pennant with it.

When the Yankees entered the league in 1903 Griffith was their first manager. He was in New York until the middle of the season of 1908, when he and Frank Farrell, then owner of the club, had a disagreement. The next year Griffith managed the Cincinnati Reds, and he was Garry Herrman's manager until he was made manager of the Nationals in 1912.

SKATER'S LEGS WORTH MUCH

Bobby McLean, Who Has Sailed for Norway, Takes Out Policy With Lloyds for \$25,000.

"Bobby" McLean values his legs at \$25,000, according to his manager, D. R. Scanlon, for which he has had



Bobby McLean.

them insured with Lloyd's. McLean has sailed for Norway, to defend his ice-skating title against Oscar Mathieson, Norway's skating wizard.

COACH SHARPE REPLIES TO CRITICISM
OF YALE ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATES

DR. AL SHARPE

TAD JONES

Although most of the Yale alumni and undergraduates cordially support Dr. Al Sharpe in his policies as general athletic coach and director, a minority has made his life miserable since the Harvard and Princeton defeats by demands that he retire in favor of Tad Jones, who was head coach three years ago. Goaded by incessant criticism of his football coaching, Doctor Sharpe said:

"I don't insist on contract. If Yale alumni and undergraduates really attribute the loss of the Harvard and Princeton games to my coaching and want to bring Tad Jones back as head coach I shall not demand that Yale carry out my three-year contract. If my work is unsatisfactory and there is a popular demand that I go I shall go. There have been

critiques that were not working for the best interests of Yale, and there was not harmony. There is too great a bridge between the academic and the scientific departments. Yale lost its two biggest games because of loose playing."

Doctor Sharpe was asked to comment on the statement made by Trainer John Mack to the effect that, when an eleven is on the one-yard line and cannot score because of a missed signal, something is wrong. He answered:

"The play that was called for was an off-tackle play and Braden, who took the ball, went through center."

"Then Braden disobeyed his signals?"

"Either that or he misunderstood them."

GOSSIP
AMONG
SPORTS

The Cardinals will train at Brownsville, Tex., and will go South March 1.

Kallio and Cunningham, pitchers, have been released to Portland by the Tigers.

It is rumored that Jay Gould has rejected several lucrative offers to turn professional.

What a vast difference between the meaning of the word "boot" as applied to baseball and football.

Herman says that he cannot afford to fight Jimmy Wilde because the latter lost to Jack Sharkey.

Cornell will have basketball contests for every college section competing for the intramural title.

Wild left-handers refuse to order platters in a restaurant because they are afraid they can't locate it.

Among students who find relaxation in athletics at Cornell are a one-legged wrestler and two blind oarsmen.

As far as the western showing of the Syracuse football team is concerned, the Orange proved to be a lemon.

Vic Saler, who was out of baseball last season, is desired by the Columbus (O.) club of the American association.

The New York club of the American league is anxious to obtain Bobble Roth. Manager Huggins would use him in right field.

Football has attained such popularity in Canada that a movement is on foot to form an association of the amateur clubs of the Dominion.

Charles Ledoux of France retained the bantamweight championship of Europe by defeating Walter Ross, the English bantamweight champion.

Football at the New England high schools was a big money maker this year. The Haverhill high school alone having cleared \$10,000 on its gridiron games.

Georges Carpentier, who won the heavyweight championship of Europe by defeating Joe Beckett, has signed a contract to appear in a moving picture love play.

Bob Simpson has taken up his duties as coach of Missouri university students. He is in charge of the compulsory athletic work of the military department.

The return of the 154-game schedules in the major leagues means that the seasons will open April 14 or 15 and that the world series will get under way about October 5.

Commander J. K. L. Ross, the leading money winner on the turf this year, is having constructed a private race track in Howard county, Maryland, about two miles from the Laurel race track.

FIRST BASEBALL PAY

Individuals and teams have won in spite of having the dope all their way.

The time to collect is when you are ahead.

The only system that can beat the races is to let 'em run for Sweeney.

There are too many folks who attempt to play with blue chips before they can handle the red and white.

The same man isn't right all the time, but at least he is reasonable.

In taking a chance it is also well enough to select a soft spot to land on.

Before playing any rival for a sucker take another look in the glass.

KID WILLIAMS COMING BACK?

One-Time Bantamweight Champion Could Not Keep Away From Fistic Circle—Now a Manager.

Kid Williams, one-time bantamweight champion, as was expected, could not remain away from the sport



Kid Williams.

very long. Do not misconstrue us as saying that the Kid will attempt a comeback, for it is doubtful whether the great little Monumental City brawler will ever don the gloves again. Williams, however, will return to the spot in which he achieved much glory, as a manager, as he has taken Little Jeff under his managerial wing.

AMERICAN SPORTS IN CHINA

Football and Baseball Successfully Introduced at Tsing Hau College, Located at Peking.

American football and baseball have been successfully introduced at Tsing Hau college, Peking, China, according to Ming S. Lowe, registrar of the college.

After his arrival in China he obtained the services of an American coach and physical director, D. K. Brace, a Red college graduate, to coach the various teams then organized, in a tentative way, in baseball, American football, soccer, tennis, track and swimming.

American football and Yankee baseball are among the most popular sports at Tsing Hau college. A golf course is soon to be laid out near the college.